

they would remain a week or ten days, picking up a variety of goods for most of them kept what were then called country-stores. They had to purchase dry goods, hardware, hardware, and other articles. It was the custom of the jobbers to have one of their men board at a large house for country merchants, so that they could induce them to come to New-York. Most of the goods were brought by steams, bound up the Hudson and down the Sound; those for the South, up the rivers and brigs to ports from whence they were taken into the interior. There were very few vessels, however, between New-York and Tri City, which occupied the principal part of the river. The Pearl Street House, between Old and Coopership, and Bunker's, near the Bowery Green, Trade and business seasons were active times, and the business behind the scenes was great. The spring and three months of the Fall, The Winter and Summer were comparatively idle. There was a limited number which drew customers from the North River and the river, and the harbors of the Sound were closed by ice, Pearl being about as quiet as Sunday.

## NEARLY ALL THIS CITY BELOW CANAL-ST.

You will remember that New-York was then a comparatively small city, with a population of less than 120,000. One-fourth the present size of Chicago, it had extended very little above Canal-st. Most of the dwellings were below Chambers, on the North River, but on the East River there were many up as far as Market and Rutgers-sts. The most of the merchants and families of wealth lived in the lower part of the town in Greenwich, below Chambers, and on cross streets west of Broadway from the Park to the Battery. Many merchants in Pearl-st. lived over their stores, and John B. Keenan, Goldfarb, Goldfarb & Son, and with private residence, were active during the early part of the season. The first steamship to sail from New-York was the "Fulton," which was built in 1817, when the canal was paratively idle. There was a limited number which drew customers from the North River and the river, and the harbors of the Sound were closed by ice, Pearl being about as quiet as Sunday.

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THE GREAT FIRE OF 1835.

In December, 1835, the great fire occurred, and those who were aiding to stay its progress can never forget it.

The night was intensely cold, the thermometer lower than for many years, the wind high, and the fire—commencing in some old buildings—spread rapidly; the water from the hose in the nose and the old hand-pump were almost useless; the result was the destruction of 648 buildings, including the Exchange and many banks in Wall-st., and the Exchange prostrated of all that part of the city from Water-st. up Wall-st. to Broadway.

Mr. Pitt Clinton and many distinguished citizens, including with William, Exchequer, Bank Water-st. and Front, and property estimated at \$25,000,000. Every insurance company in the city was suspended, except one, which was uninsured. Business was suspended; none knew where they stood or what could be trusted; but the best of feeling prevailed, and soon the first signs of recovery appeared.

The fire was extinguished, and the streets were removed, and new buildings sprung up like magic. Before the close of 1836 nearly all was rebuilt, and the streets looked better than before the fire. However, from that day to this, the city has been growing, and the people were more advanced, and the products of the great port were to be carried to all parts of the world, and that their products, returned by the same channel, would be scattered throughout the world, and now no one street to mark its locality.

1836 was a year of vast trade and commerce. All kinds of new projects for securing steady fortunes were introduced, and before the end of the year, recovered from the fire, the city was again a center of trade and manufacture, and every thing was advancing, and the people were intoxicated with their many successes, but in 1837 the banks had failed, and with them many of the great port companies, so that the value of the goods increased rapidly.

Let me here revert again to the very limited facilities for travel and trade which existed previous to 1837. The little steamship which connected the coast with the interior, with the steamer which ran along our Southern ports, with the steamer which ran along our coast, on all the rivers, and later introduced, had a direct route to the cheapening of transportation. A new life was infused, and the people began to do much more for trade. The time was when there were much openings for trade. The winter and summer were comparatively idle. There was a limited number which drew customers from the North River and the river, and the harbors of the Sound were closed by ice, Pearl being about as quiet as Sunday.

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